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August 31, 2006

Dr. Jeffrey P. Koenings, Director
Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife
600 Capitol Way N.
Olympia, WA 98501

RE: Letter of Appreciation

Dear Director Koenings:

On August 28th, 2006 our agency had a situation in which a local rancher was assaulted by an armed transient. After the rancher fled the area, deputies from my agency began searching and located the individual as he ran onto a local residence's property.

As he was armed, the deputies set up a containment around the residence to await the dispatching of our SWAT team. Members of your agency were in the area and were invaluable in creating and maintaining the secure perimeter that allowed for a later apprehension of the suspect.

Please relay my personal appreciation to Officer Beyers (G44), Officer Horn (G72), and Officer Grant (G88). Their willingness to assist served in the detention and later safe arrest of the suspect in the case.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larry Taylor". The signature is stylized with a large, flowing "L" and "T".

Larry Taylor
Sheriff